

Cavaliers of the Midwest

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Judge: Pauline Sidgwick (Paulian)

I would like to thank the Committee of the Cavaliers of the Midwest Club for inviting me to judge at their Winter Specialty Show. Held at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, a super venue, full of character. Although only a short visit, our time was well spent, visiting the local tourist spots and meeting up with everyone. I feel as though we have made a lot of new friends. I would like to thank everyone for their welcome and the sporting way they accepted my decisions on the day. Special thanks must go to Earline Barrios and Nancy Maddox for looking after all our arrangements so well, to my ring steward Dorothy Swanson, and to co-judge, Shirley Henry and husband Bruce for showing me around Tennessee whilst Ian was officiating on the Friday, which was very much appreciated. The welcome hamper and thoughtful "thank you" gift will always be reminder of the super time we spent at the show. I felt the quality of the dogs present excellent, although not numerically strong, in part due to the weather conditions over the weekend. I would like to thank the exhibitors for braving the conditions to travel to this show and hope they all managed to get home safely. I was pleased with all my class winners, in particular in the bitch line up, where I could happily have given out top awards to several exhibits present. The puppy classes were full of quality, particularly the rubies, which showed in the final awards for each day, where each judge chose a different ruby for their top puppy award. I felt that heads overall were very good, on my last visit I commented that many were too rounded in skull with low set ears, this I feel has vastly improved, with the majority having glorious dark round eyes, with only a few exhibits showing a small amount of white around the eye.

Junior Puppy Dog (4)

1. Bonitos Companeros Eldorado (Magera/Mitchell) Loved this richly marked youngster, super size, with soft gentle expression to head, so well angulated all through, with ample neck to give the look of elegance, well sprung rib for age, Soft gentle expression to head with dark round eyes, not too deep in stop and excellent pigmentation. **Best Puppy Dog**

2. Darane Hellboy (Kates) Another stunning youngster, not as mature as winner, slightly longer cast, excellent body with good angulation, firm level topline, moved freely with drive. Soft gentle expression to head, a quality ruby with long silky coat, good fringing for age giving that required touch of elegance, one that I am sure will reach the top with ease once fully mature. **3. Closeburn Spencer Stirling Stuart** (Cullen/Fairchild) Richly marked Blenheim dog, with dark eyes and good pigmentation he has a few freckles which may detract slightly for some, these did not bother me, just felt he lacked the maturity in body of the winners. Loved his balance and type, such a sound mover, well angulated all through and compactly made, once he matures and gains in confidence, sure he will do well. **4. Piccadil Once In A Lifetime** (York) Well broken tricolour with desired rich tan and clear white, no trace of flecking. Not overdone in any way but as yet still quite raw, needs time to gain coat and finish to complete the picture.

Senior Puppy Dog (4)

1. Denham Superstorm (Maddox) Elegant ruby dog, not overdone in any way, soft expression to head, dark eyes, good pigmentation, correct tapering muzzle. He is lovely outline standing once settled, although he did mess around a bit I forgave this, being the 3rd day after a long weekend of showing. On the move once settled he showed the desired reach and drive keeping a level topline and correct tail carriage. **2. Darane Frodo Baggins** (Kates) Blenheim with pleasing head, dark eyes, well cushioned, yet not too deep in stop. Well angulated and of correct size and balance, level topline and good bone for size, once settled moved well, complete with long silky richly marked coat for age. **3. Dreamvale Spotted Dick** (Jones/Sage) Loved the size, well sprung body and bone of this compactly made youngster. Pleasing in head, ample width to skull well set ears, well cushioned under his dark round eyes, would prefer a wider blaze to complete the picture. That said I am sure this dog would be very useful in a breeding program, his sound movement and compactness of form cannot be over looked. **4. Melrose Joker for Bonitos Companeros** (Adair/Vorderstrasse/Kirshbaum) Exuberant, well angulated ruby dog, larger in type with good neck and shoulders, well boned with level topline & correct tail carriage.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog (1)

1. Ch Brookhaven Believe it or Not (Ayers/Martz) Loved this compactly made richly marked blenheim dog from the minute I put my hands on him, so well balanced, with the correct bone for size, well within the breed standard. With soft gentle expression to head, broad skull with high set ears, large dark eyes with ample cushioning under to give the required look, well tapered muzzle, not too deep in stop and excellent pigmentation. On the move he did all I was looking for, showing his level topline and required reach and drive, although alone here I was pleased to award him **Winners Dog, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Blenheim Dog, Best American Bred Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor Dog.**

Junior American Bred Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Kid Rock at Almeara, JW (Whitmire/Ayers/Martz) I see this dog is a half brother to previous class winner, excellent mover, similar in type, just not the maturity as yet. Well angulated all round with good neck and shoulders, correct bone for size, good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders. Pleasing in head with good pigmentation, large round dark eyes and correct balance of muzzle and skull. **2. Bentwood Imagistic** (Borton) Not as compactly made as winner, and moving a little close behind on the day. Un-exaggerated in head, with excellent pigmentation, shallow stop, ample width of skull, dark eyes and correct high ear set.

American Bred Dog (8)

1. Oggbrae Don Ottavio (Bales) Gor my winner of this strong class I chose this dog, built on a slightly larger frame than I prefer, I felt with his overall soundness of movement, level topline and correct tail carriage, he deserved this place. He moved around, showing reach and drive lacking in many. Not overdone in head with correct shallow stop, large round dark eyes, excellent nose pigment, ample width of skull with correct high ear set well furnished, good neck and well laid back shoulders. **2. Brookhaven Endless Journey** (Crane) Well muscled dog with good angulation, which showed in his movement, as he strode around the ring. Loved his rich chestnut

markings, large dark round eyes, width of skull and high ear set. **3. Hiddencreek Hugo Boss, JW** (Green) Liked the size and bone of this heavily marked Blenheim dog, gentle expression to head, broad flat skull with high ear set, round dark expressive eyes, well cushioned under to give desired soft expression. **4. Clarmarian Kiss And Cry** (Young-May) Another richly marked Blenheim dog, well broken with excellent outline, well sprung rib, good muscle tone, giving strong movement. Masculine head broad flat skull with high ear set, dark eyes, just showing a little too much white of eye which detracts slightly from the overall appearance.

Special Limit Blenheim Dog (5)

1. Clarmarian Classic By Design (Young-May) Quality male, I see is one of 3 from this litter placed today, loved his richly marked long silky coat, classic outline, lovely neck level topline and good lay back of shoulders. Super head, broad flat skull, high ear set, large dark round eyes, well cushioned to give desired expression, with correct tapering muzzle. Really liked this boy should gain his title with ease. **2. Almeara Kiss The Girls** (Whitmire) Pleasing size with good bone, good lay back of shoulders, well sprung rib, good rear angulation, moved soundly. Pleasing in head with dark round eyes, good pigmentation. **3. Brookhaven Dante** (Ayers/Martz) Masculine dog built on larger frame than winners, soundly constructed with strong bone, well sprung rib, good reach of neck. Although bigger in size, not coarse in any way with large dark round eyes well cushioned, complete with excellent pigmentation. **4. Clarmarian Covertly Wicked** (Gogol/Young-May) Litter brother to winner, not quite as mature, liked his size, just needs to watch his topline otherwise a lovely dog who excels in richly marked long silky coat. Not overdone in head, dark round eyes with excellent pigmentation, shallow stop and tapering muzzle, flat skull with high set ears framing the face. One that I feel still needs time to finish and mature.

Special Limit Ruby Dog (2)

1. Sevenwoods Wildberry (Shidler) Loved the square outline size and balance of this ruby male, good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders, level topline leading to correctly set tail, which was well carried on the move, good turn of stifle giving sound rear movement. Unfortunately out of coat on the day. **2. Cambridge Ruby Dream** (Magera/Mitchell) Built on larger frame than winner with good bone, masculine in head with dark eyes and good pigmentation, not too deep in stop. Preferred the movement of the winner on the day.

Special Limit Black & Tan Dog (2)

1. Brookhaven Bob Bailey (Shilling) Fully mature 5 year old male, loved his size and balance, with good neck laid back shoulders and well sprung rib, correct bone, mature in coat and finish. Typical in head, not overdone, broad skull with high set ears, although acceptable I would have preferred a darker eye, but with correct balance of muzzle and skull and correct cushioning under eye, I felt it did not affect the gentle expression to his head. Super outline, moved well keeping a level topline and correct tail carriage, showed well. **2. Elyzian Double Take** (Arnold) Heavier in head, with deeper stop than the winner, correct dark round eyes, good neck and shoulders, well sprung rib, level topline, correct straight silky coat with rich tan markings. A bit unsettled on the move.

Open Dog (4) Super class of worthy Champions.

1. Ch Melrose Gold for Bonitos Companeros, JW (Magera/Mitchell) A close decision between first two, loved the size balance and outline of this ruby male, not overdone in any way, soft gentle expression to his head. Correct for size and bone with well sprung rib, good turn of stifle, giving strong rear movement, to secure the first place here. His rich ruby coat, long and silky with ample feathering to correct high set ears, presented and shown to perfection. *Reserve Winners Dog, Best Ruby Dog*

2. Ch Turretbank Magic Spell (Green) Thought when this dog entered the ring that he would be my winner, but on the day he did not co-operate with his handler, making his outline and movement hard to assess. Love his size shape and balance, super head, masculine yet still with the required softness of expression, so well cushioned under his dark round eyes, correct ear set framing his broad skull. Solid well sprung body, with ample neck, well coated with long feathering and rich tan markings. *Best Black & Tan in Show*

2. Ch Angels Pride Love Vegas of Sumara (Gentil) Lovely tri boy, well broken with classic tri markings to head, rich tan, ample blaze giving masculine yet gentle expression to broad head, dark round eyes, well cushioned under, high set ears framing the face. Good neck and shoulders to body with level topline, still feel he is not fully mature, being a tri he should last for several years yet. Pleased to see he is proving to be a useful stud. *Best Tricolor Dog* **4. Ch Dreamvale Tri your Luck at Parkbury, JW** (Parker) Not disgraced by this placing another worthy winner in a strong class, with good neck and shoulders, firm topline, well furnished with long silky coat of correct texture, soft gentle expression to head, does not have the width of blaze, but still has the correct well cushioned eyes, high ear set and broad skull, with gentle tapering to muzzle to give desired balance.

Senior Open Dog (1)

1. Closeburn Graham MacInnes (Trad) 8 year old ruby dog, masculine head with broad skull, correct high set ears, round dark eyes, well cushioned under to tapering muzzle, excellent pigmentation. Built on larger frame, he has strong bone, well sprung rib, richly coloured gleaming coat. Full of himself on the day, belying his years.

Junior Puppy Bitch (6) Loved judging this class of promising puppies, it was a real pleasure.

1. Autumnhill Desire Me (Parente) Adored this little bitch would have loved to have brought her home with me, so feminine, well balanced all through, amazingly I see she is sired by a tricolour, what talented breeding. Pretty in head, enough width of skull, large high set ears framing her face, dark expressive eyes, correct shallow stop and tapering muzzle. Her outline standing for me is perfect, on the move she was steady and so confident for age, couldn't resist her for Best Puppy in Show, I shall watch her career with interest.

Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show

2. Linrica Honey Girl (Liu) Unlucky to meet winner, firm bodied Blenheim bitch, well sprung rib, appeared slightly longer in loin than winner, good turn of stifle, felt she may have benefited from a little less weight over the loin as this affected her movement. She has a pretty feminine head, not overdone, with correct tapering muzzle, dark eyes shallow stop. **3. Marjorelle Love That Juliette** (Conley) A real cute baby, well balanced, short coupled body, good rib for age, Pretty head, broad skull with high ear set, glorious dark round eyes well cushioned, highlighted by dense pigmentation, would prefer a little more length of muzzle. **4. Clarmarian Ooh**

La La (Young-May) Raw puppy not as mature as winners, well angulated all round. Pleasing head with correct shallow stop, tapering muzzle, dark eyes, good pigmentation. Given time to mature should do well.

Senior Puppy Bitch (3)

1. Rutherford Byoncee (Jones) Lovely puppy in outline, well broken in coat with classic markings, not exaggerated in any way, soft gentle expression to head, correct shallow stop, dark round eyes with good pigmentation. Excellent body, and bone, yet still within the standard for size, well sprung rib and good turn of stifle, a little untidy in front but felt her other qualities outweighed this. **2.**

Seraphaven Poetry In Motion (Gogol) Not the maturity of winner, square outline to this Blenheim bitch with large white collar which accentuates her good neck and lay back of shoulder, good angulation, giving steady movement coming and going. Dark eyes giving soft gentle expression to head. **3. Angel's Pride Evening Star of Sumara** (Gentil) Although placed 3rd in this class I didn't dislike this compact bitch. Was a little unsettled in the class and had to dash out for a "call of nature" Loved her size and balance, classic well broken coat, with promise of fringing to come, slightly finer in bone than winners, yet so feminine, with her dark eyes and well balanced muzzle to skull. Will not go "over the top" and am sure will come into her own as she matures.

Graduate Puppy Bitch (2)

1. Jayba Knockout, JW (Lander/George) Loved this bitch, had there been an extra award she would have taken it, just not as mature as the final winners, though she is not far off. Loved her size and outline, soundly made, with elegant neck and well laid back shoulders. She has such a soft gentle expression to her head, gently tapering muzzle with correct shallow stop, yet still with the required cushioning to give the desired expression, complete with dense pigmentation and long well fringed ears framing her face. On the move she did not disappoint, moving so steadily, with the required drive. **2. Brookhaven Sexy Sadie, JW** (Ayers/Martz) Richly marked feminine bitch with well broken coat, pleasing outline standing, with well sprung rib and good topline. Her head is broad in skull, with dark eyes well cushioned enhanced with good pigmentation.

Novice Bitch (2)

1. Bonitos Companeros Victoria Secret (Matters) Well balanced, compactly made bitch with good bone, well broken rich chestnut markings. Lovely expression to her head, like her father she has gorgeous large dark round eyes, well cushioned to give desired expression, long ear leathers. **2. Riverview Pink Champagne** (Barrois) Not overdone in any way, with dark eyes and tapering muzzle, at just 11 months a little younger than winner and lacking the maturity of body, coat and finish, not as settled on the move.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch (3) Strong class of Champion bitches.

1. Ch Kean Ultraviolet, JW (Keane) Heading a trio of 3 champion bitches, loved the outline of this feminine bitch, gentle expression to head with large dark eyes well pigmented, well cushioned, correct tapering muzzle, not too deep in stop, well laid back shoulders and level topline, good spring of rib, and firm well angulated rear quarters, complete with well broken richly marked coat. **2. Ch Lanmar Pometini** (Hubbard/Beaver) Well broken bitch with gentle expression to head, broad skull, with gently tapering muzzle, dark round eyes and long well fringed ears framing her face, enhanced by good nose pigment. She is a lovely size with good bone, not overdone in coat yet still with correct natural feathering to give required "look". **3. Ch Almeara Scrumptillyicious, JW** (Whitmire) Quality tricolour bitch, soundly made with firm body, well sprung rib and good angulation, scores in head broad skull with classic markings rich tan and good width of blaze, dark round eyes, well cushioned to give desired soft gentle expression to head, with correct length of muzzle. Long straight silky coat, slightly heavier marked, yet quite acceptable, with clear white, no trace of flecking. Although she moved well not as settled standing which lost her a place in strong competition.

Junior American Bred (2)

1. Linrica Femme Fatale, JW (Liu) Soundly made bitch, well made with good spring of rib, moved steadily, pleasing in head, not overdone with gentle expression, correct shallow stop, dark round eyes, well cushioned under, complete with good pigmentation. **2. Denham Over The Moon** (Maddox) Immature black & tan bitch with good bone, firm well ribbed body, short in loin, giving correct balance of outline. Jet black coat, soft and silky, with rich tan markings, needs to gain more furnishing to complete the picture. I felt she just lacked the overall maturity of winner, and not as steady on move, given another year I am sure this bitch will come into her own.

American Bred Bitch (4)

1. Piccadil Gone With The Wind (York) Well broken mature blen bitch, not overdone in head with correct shallow stop, gently tapering muzzle, dark round eyes, ample cushioning and good pigmentation, ample width of skull framed by well furnished ears, giving the desired look. Well bodied, with good spring of rib, level topline so soundly made, moved and showed well. **2. Brookhaven Mystic Sky** (Ayers/Martz) Liked the size, body and bone of this bitch, well ribbed with good turn of stifle. Large dark round eyes, well pigmented, well cushioned under, just preferred the slightly shallower stop of winner. **3. Marshelle I'm No Angel** (Gogol) Well broken richly marked blen bitch, with good body, well ribbed, excellent laid back shoulders, sound in construction. Feminine in head with broad skull, high set ears, complete with lozenge, dark round eyes, slight bit of white showing which detracts a little. **4. Oggbrae Donna Elvira** (Bales) Well broken blen bitch, up to size yet not overdone in any way. Dark eyes, shallow stop, tapering muzzle, lower set ears than previous dog.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch (3)

1. Brookhaven in the Garden, JW (Ayers/Martz) Lovely bitch with solid body well sprung rib, well angulated with good reach of neck and laid back shoulders, her clean outline looks super in profile. Well cushioned head, with dark round eyes, black pigmentation, broad flat skull and high set ears. Moved and showed well. **2. Royalcaper Bluebell Bliss** (Clayton) Lovely outline standing, glorious head, so soft and gentle, large round dark eyes, well cushioned, not too deep in stop, her face beautifully framed with high set, long well feathered ears. Looked lovely standing in profile, just lost out on front movement on the day. **3. Jayba Valentina** (Lyman) Compact bitch with good rib, built on finer lines, yet still within the standard, a toy spaniel, richly marked long silky coat with long feathering to complete the picture. Pretty feminine head, with dark eyes, just lacking a little in cushioning under, otherwise a beautiful bitch, who moved and showed well.

Special Limit Tricolour Bitch (3)

1. Chadwick Pickety (Taub) An amazing tri bitch for her 9 years, she is a lovely size, compactly made, soundly built, so well angulated with level topline and just the right weight for size, quite hard to achieve in an older bitch. Her long silky coat, although heavier marked has excellent tan, still rich in colour. Soft gentle expression to her head so feminine, on the move she never put a foot wrong, moving steadily with level topline with happy wagging tail, one to be proud of. **2. First Capital Daisy Mae** (Arnold) Happy disposition, well broken with clear tan markings, not the coat of winner on the day, in profile pleasing in outline with good neck and laid back shoulders. She doesn't have the widest of blaze but this does not affect, as her dark eyes and shallow stop gave the required gentle expression. **3. Okayc Midsummers Night Dream at Signaturez** (Crane) Classically marked, well broken with rich tan, I thought this bitch would have been my winner, unfortunately her movement was hard to assess as she just did not settle, standing she just did not want to co-operate with her handler. Sturdier than previous dogs with well sprung rib, excellent neck with laid back shoulders, well angulated. Heavier in head with broad skull, dark eyes, well cushioned, correct tapering muzzle, glorious well feathered ears framing her face. Just wish she had behaved.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch (2)

1. Darane My Darling Clementine At Chewcreek (DePhillip) Lovely little ruby bitch, compactly made, yet still with the required bone, such a soft gentle expression from her gorgeous dark round well cushioned eyes, dense pigmentation. She is well balanced in profile with elegant neck, laid back shoulders, level topline, well ribbed, good rear angulation. Rich, long silky coat and feathering completed the picture. **2. Dawnaquinn Paint The Town Red** (Magera) Lacking the elegance of the winner, stronger in head with required broad flat skull, high set ears, dark round eyes, well cushioned under, enhanced by good pigmentation. Firm body with well sprung rib, showed happily.

Special Limit Black & Tan Bitch (1)

1. Rutherford VenusW, JW (Jones) Quality black & tan bitch, well balanced, with good neck and shoulders, well sprung rib, good turn of stifle. Pleasing size with correct bone, expressive head, broad skull with correct high set ears, dark eyes well cushioned into gentle tapering muzzle. Loved her clear rich tan markings, just lacking a little coat on the day, but glorious well feathered ears framing her face more than made up for that. Sure she will make up easily. **Best Black & Tan Bitch**

Open Bitch (5) This class was a real pleasure to judge, I really felt spoiled for choice and could have happily given first any of the exhibits, all worthy examples of breed, some of differing types yet still meeting the breed standard well. I don't think I have ever deliberated harder than I did today at this show between the first two exhibits. On the day decisions have to be made and I chose:

1. Ch Bentwood Chloe of Forrestcreek, JW (Cline/Harrison) Stunning blen bitch, her head is so well cushioned, around her lustrous dark round eyes, so well pigmented, just enough stop, without being overdone, beautifully framed with long full well feathered ears. She is just right for size and bone, elegant crested neck set into laid back shoulders, well sprung ribs, well angulated rear quarters. She is a picture standing, and did not disappoint on the move, a close decision but pleased to award her **Winners Bitch** and later **Best Blenheim in Show, Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show, Best American Bred in Show and Best in Show**.

2. Ch Grandville Butterscotch Kiss of Infinidad (Laliberte) This bitch entered the ring first, the moment I saw her I thought "Wow" she is gorgeous, she did not disappoint. A true Toy Spaniel, correct for size and balance, her head so feminine, ample width of skull with high set ears framing her gorgeous dark round well cushioned eyes. Correct length of muzzle to skull, not too deep in stop, complete with dense pigmentation. Elegant neck, set into well laid back shoulders, well ribbed firm body, good turn of stifle, like winner she glided around the ring, with stunning outline, I really was splitting hairs with these two. **Reserve Winners Bitch, Reserve Best in Show, Best Ruby in Show**

3. Ch Darane Casablanca at Chewcreek (DePhillip) Unfortunate to meet the winners in such competition, a worthy champion tri bitch, well broken, with feminine expression to head, ample width of skull, dark round eyes well cushioned and enhanced with rich tan markings. Not the widest of blazes but this did not detract from her gentle expression. On the move she was sound using her strong rear quarters well. Pleased to award her **Best Tricolour in Show**. **4. Ch Bonitos Companeros Gianna Nannini, JW** (Adair) Another excellent example of the breed and worthy Champion, unfortunate to meet the others in such good form. Soundly made, well bodied, with good spring of rib, firm topline and strong rear quarters. Typical in head with broad skull, high set ears, dark round eyes, well cushioned, with correct tapering muzzle. Moved and showed well. **5. Ch Chesham a Minute of your Time, JW** (Eckersley/Taub) Although not placed on the day I felt her worthy of a mention, she is a differing type, yet still a good example of our lovely diverse breed, pleasing in size, so feminine with long well feathered coat, I was delighted to be given the opportunity to judge this lady another worthy champion, in strong competition. In the UK this award would be Very Highly Commended (VHC) I feel she was worthy of this.

Veteran Dog (2)

1. Closeburn Graham MacInnes (Trad) 8 year old ruby dog, masculine head with broad skull, correct high set ears, round dark eyes, well cushioned under to tapering muzzle, excellent pigmentation. Built on larger frame, he has strong bone, well sprung rib, richly coloured gleaming coat. Full of himself on the day, belying his years. **Best Veteran in Show**

2. Chadwick Star Spangled Banner (Taub/Eckersley) Thoroughly enjoying his outing, a real old gentleman, still with clear dark eyes, correct tapering muzzle, he has lost a little of his outline now and coat not in first bloom, but never the less, he appeared fit and active on the day, showing a happy attitude as he strode around the ring.